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FOLLOWING REPEAT EC BRUSSELS ACTION SECSTATE INFO MTN GENEVA  
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SUBJECT: STRAUSS-DAVIGNON CONVERSATION

1. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS AND COMMISS ONER DAVIGNON AT  
BREAKFAST MEETING APRIL 22:

(1) AGREED INFORM RESPECTIVE INDUSTRIES THAT COM-  
MISSION AND US GOVERNMENT ARE CONSULTING CONCERNING  
US AUTO TAX REBATE PROPOSAL ANDPLEDGED KEEP IN  
CLOSE TOUCH TO NEGOTIATE SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS.

(2) BRIEFLY REVIEWED STATUS SPECIALTY STEEL QUOTAS  
AND POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE.

(3) AGREED TO DECIDE AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 26  
TO ESTABLISH OECD STEEL GROUP. (FOLLOWING SPECIFICS  
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WERE AGREED IN WOLFF-LEOFF MEETING LATER IN DAY: OECD  
SECRETARIAT TO BE INSTRUCTED AT SAME MEETING TO BEGIN  
FACTUAL STUDY OF WORLD STEEL SITUATION DUE END OF MAY.  
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR GROUP ITSELF TO BE DEVELOPED  
BY FURTHER EC/JAPANESE, EC/US, ANDPOSSIBLY US/JAPAN/EC  
CONSULTATION PRIOR TO FIRST MEETING OF GROUP IN LATE  
MAY. EC CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPANESE SCHEDULED FOR

EARLY MAY AND SIMILAR US/EC NONSULTATIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREAFTER.) DAVIGNON MANIFESTED SOMEWHAT MORE INTEREST IN INVESTMENT TRENDS AND US SIDE (WOLFF) IN TRADE TRENDS.

(4) OBTAINED UPDATE ON STATUS EC COMMUNITY PREPARATIONS FOR MFA RENEWAL, DAVIGNON SAYING BRITISH AND FRENCH STILL DIFFICULT, BUT HE HOPEFUL SATISFACTORY COMMUNITY MANDATE WILL BE ADOPTED BY MARCH 3 COUNCIL, GIVING IMPRESSION THIS MEANT RENEWAL WITHOUT AMENDMENT. HE SUGGESTED OTHER PARTIES TO MFA COULD HELP BY STANDING STILL FOR SOME UNILATERAL EC STATEMENTS AND PROMISED FULLY ACQUAINT US WITH SITUATION AFTER COUNCIL ACTION.

(5) AGREED THAT LONDON SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE SHOULD PROVIDE POLITICAL IMPETUS FOR MTN (SEE SEPTTEL FOR ACCOUNT LATER DEVELOPMENTS).

(6) BRIEFLY REVIEWED STATUS ZENITH AND US STEEL TAX CASES.

(7) FINALLY, AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT, ESTABLISHED CLOSE PERSONAL RAPPORT.

2. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HINTON, WOLFF AND HALPIN. DAVIGNON BY SAAK, LOEFF AND DEFRAIGNE.  
HINTON UNQTE  
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